GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1292
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
PRODUCTION OF PRAWN
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of prawn in the coastal States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kerala;

(b) whether the production of prawn has declined as compared to the previous years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase its production; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): A statement giving total production of prawn in the coastal states of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kerala during the past five years is given in Annexure.

(b)&(c): There is no significant decline in the total production of prawn and the fluctuations in annual production are due to natural factors which are quite normal.

(d)&(e): A package of technical, financial and extension support is given to the shrimp farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Coastal Aquaculture for increased production. 39 Brackish water Fish Farmer Development Agencies (BFDAs) have been set up in the Coastal states/Union Territories for this purpose. The BFDAs provide assistance for undertaking shrimp aquaculture in a scientific and sustainable manner as details below:-

(i) 25% of capital cost for construction/renovation and total cost of inputs for the first crop, subject to a maximum of Rs.30,000 per hectare, will be provided as subsidy to a beneficiary.

(ii) Payment of stipend of Rs.25 per day and travelling allowance limited to Rs.140 per trainee (beneficiary) for training of two months duration.

(iii) The subsidy will be shared between the Centre and State Governments on 50:50 basis, whereas it will be in the form of 100% Central grant in the case of UTs. The administrative cost will also be shared between the State and Centre on 50:50 basis; for UTs the Centre will provide 100% cost as grant in aid.

(iv) Private/Public Sector will be provided assistance for establishment of prawn seed hatcheries of 2 to 5 million capacity of post larvae (PL 20) per annum. Assistance to the extent of Rs. 1.00 lakh per hatchery or 10% of the cost, whichever is lower will be granted.

(v) Public sector enterprise/companies/ corporations and private entrepreneurs who construct new ponds will be eligible for the same rate of subsidy as under BFDA (i.e. Maximum of Rs.30,000 per ha) to undertake scientific prawn farming in coastal areas.

Annexure

Statement referred lo the part `a` of the Loksabha Unstarred QuestionNo.1292 For reply on 27.11.2000.
SHRIMP PRODUCTION DURING 1995-96 TO 1999-2000.

(In Tonnes)

States	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	I998-99	1999-00
Gujarat	55872	59960	63977	63887	64161
Kerala	53134	60396	69250	70192	63759

Maharashtra 107275 146889 120355 103656 107565